Council Motions

Introduced in the Council meeting of August 25, 2020

The following Council Motions were introduced during today's City Council meeting. Council file numbers have not been assigned at this time and are currently being processed. To obtain the Council file numbers, please refer to the Council and Committee Referral "Hot Sheet" for the date listed above.

TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED | #51

MOTION

The Street Furniture Revenue Fund provides funds for transit related projects, sidewalk projects, curb/sidewalk improvements, beautification projects needed to improve conditions for public transit patrons, and all expenses relating or incidental thereto for each Council District.

The Los Angeles Conservation Corps will be conducting street maintenance and trash pick up in Council District Ten from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. This effort is of special benefit for the residents of the City and for Council District Ten and deserves financial assistance from the City.

Sufficient funds are available in the Council District Ten portion of the Street Furniture Revenue Fund which can be allocated for this purpose.

I THEREFORE MOVE that $95,006 in the Council District Ten portion of the Street Revenue Fund No. 43D Dept. 50 be allocated to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for street maintenance and trash pick up in Council District Ten from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be directed / authorized to prepare the necessary document(s) with, and/or payment(s) to Los Angeles Conservation Corps, or any other agency, organization, or entity, as appropriate, in the above amount, for the above purpose, subject to the approval of the City Attorney, if needed; and that the Council member of the District be authorized to execute any such documents on behalf of the City.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be authorized to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

PRESENTED BY: _____
HERB J. WESSON, Jr.
Councilman, 10th District

SECONDED BY: _____

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1) CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED

#52

M O T I O N

I MOVE that $10,420 be appropriated from the 'Reserve for Mid-Year Adjustments' line item in the Unappropriated Balance Fund No. 100-58 to the below listed line items, and in the amounts specified, in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 in order to cover the increased cost of City membership dues for the below listed organizations:

Westside Cities Council of Governments	$2,300
San Fernando Valley Council of Governments	$3,500
South Bay Cities Association	$4,620
TOTAL	$10,420

PRESENTED BY: _____
NURY MARTINEZ
Councilwoman, 4th District

SECONDED BY: _____

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TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED | #53

MOTION

A developer is making significant improvements to a residential property consisting of 13 units at 4910-4918 North Maywood Avenue in the Eagle Rock neighborhood. The developer needs to replace a water meter in order to upgrade the main water line and has obtained the necessary permits for this work. However, the section of the street where the Department of Water and Power (DWP) will need to cut into in order to install the new meter has recently been resurfaced.

The property owner has indicated that they do not have record of having received a 30-day notice of the planned resurfacing work on North Maywood Avenue, which was completed on April 1, 2020. All 13 units of the property are currently vacant and cannot be filled until the improvements are completed. An exception to the City's one-year street cut moratorium is needed to allow DWP to cut into the street to perform the necessary installations.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council approve an exception to the City's one-year, street cut moratorium on North Maywood Avenue to allow for the installation of a new water meter at 4910-4918 North Maywood Avenue.

I FURTHER MOVE that the permittee be required to properly repair and resurface the street cut area in accordance with Bureau of Engineering requirements and standards and, upon completion of the work, the repaired street cut be inspected by the Bureau of Contract Administration to maximize the longevity of the street.

PRESENTED BY: _____
NURY MARTINEZ
Councilmember, 6th District

SECONDED BY: _____

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PUBLIC WORKS & GANG REDUCTI

MOTION

Kobe Bryant was born on August 23, 1978 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1996, he was drafted straight from high school into the NBA and joined the Los Angeles Lakers. Over his 20 year career with the Lakers, Kobe would win five championships, one regular season MVP, two Olympic gold medals, two NBA Finals MVPs, break numerous NBA scoring records, and play in 18 NBA all-star games. In his final NBA game, he scored 60 points and left behind a storied legacy that millions of Angelenos will never forget.

After leaving the NBA, Bryant went on to become an Oscar-winning artist, a mentor to younger athletes, and a vocal advocate for women's basketball. His animated short film, "Dear Basketball," won not only an Academy Award, but an Annie Award and a Sports Emmy. He gave generously to the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History. He worked with multiple authors on books for children and young adults. He wrote stories and poems. He invested his time in younger athletes, professional and aspiring, and devoted himself to sharing his love for basketball with his daughter, Gianna Maria Bryant, by coaching and giving her pointers.

Bryant was also a philanthropist, committed to giving back to this City. He founded the Kobe and Vanessa Bryant Family Foundation with his wife, Vanessa Bryant, which served in-need families and youth and supported and advocated for homeless services here in the City. He served as an ambassador for After-School All-Stars, a non-profit that provides and supports after-school programs, raising funds for the Los Angeles chapter. Through his Mamba Sports Foundation, he provided sports opportunities to children and young adults in underserved communities throughout Southern California.

On Sunday, January 26, 2020, Kobe Bryant was tragically killed in a helicopter crash with his daughter, Gianna, and seven others. The City of Los Angeles and the world lost a sports legend who was only beginning his second act, an act devoted to lifting up and inspiring others.

In light of Kobe Bryant's remarkable and unprecedented career with the Los Angeles Lakers and all that he contributed to this City, it is appropriate that the portion of Figueroa Street that runs from Staples Center to Exposition Park be legally renamed as "Kobe Bryant Boulevard."

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Engineer be directed to initiate the process of changing the name of Figueroa Street from Olympic Boulevard to Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to "Kobe Bryant Boulevard."

PRESENTED BY: _____
CURREN D. PRICE, JR.
Councilmember, 9th District

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HERB J. WESSON, JR
Councilmember, 10th District

SECONDED BY: _____

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TRANSPORTATION

MOTION

Enhancing LA's Outdoor Dining by Permanently Adopting the City's Al Fresco Program

On May 29, during the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration and the City's Safer-At-Home and Safer LA orders, Mayor Eric Garcetti announced the LA Al Fresco program. LA Al Fresco aims to help local food purveyors reopen safely and allow customers and employees to maintain physical distancing by temporarily relaxing the rules that regulate outdoor dining. LA Al Fresco is a program that allows restaurants, permitted sidewalk food vendors, and food trucks to utilize sidewalks, private parking lots, street parking spaces, lane closures, and street closures for dining.

The LA Al Fresco Program, which has received tremendous feedback from restaurants, diners and restaurant adjacent neighborhoods, looks to support the heavily impacted industry by allowing restaurants to continue to operate in a safe, physically distanced setting. Additionally, in many instances, outdoor dining has provided additional dining space for smaller, family owned restaurants, while taking advantage of Southern California's climate and preserving the unique character of neighborhoods with smaller shops and restaurants.

After the local emergency is lifted, expectations for in-restaurant dining will likely have changed and flexible outdoor dining settings should continue to be made available. These outdoor dining options must follow ADA guidelines for the public right-of-way and additional safety measures implemented where necessary.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst, Department of Transportation and Bureau of Engineering, with the assistance of the Bureau of Street Services, Department of Building and Safety, Department of City Planning and City Attorney, as needed, report back on the feasibility of developing a permanent Al Fresco program that allows for a streamlined outdoor dining permit process, including but not limited to a potential program structure, eligibility criteria, safety and infrastructure requirements, and a plan that would enable interested businesses to opt-in to the permit program.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the City Attorney, Bureau of Engineering and Department of Transportation, report on any changes to State or County Codes would need to be made in order to effectuate this program.

PRESENTED BY: _____
DAVID E. RYU
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY: _____

JOE BUSCAINO (Verbal)
Councilmember 15th District

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) was created as part of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or abusive practices; and

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration has weakened CFPB regulations and has reduced the federal government's role in overseeing financial service companies; and

WHEREAS, several states, such as New York and California, have responded with new legislation to increase oversight of these companies; and

WHEREAS, as part of the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-21 State Budget, Governor Gavin Newsom proposed that the Department of Business Oversight be replaced with a new agency called the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation; and

WHEREAS, the new agency would be provided $44.3 million in additional funds and 44 new positions in Fiscal Year 2020-21 in order to expand the State's oversight over all financial service companies in California and would protect consumers against unfair and abusive practices; and

WHEREAS, budget trailer bill SB 819 would also expand consumer protections for small business borrowers that have been targeted by unregulated, high-cost lenders; and

WHEREAS, the bill would also create a Financial Technology Innovation Office to develop new financial products for consumers; and

WHEREAS, the bill is consistent with the City's efforts to protect consumers and small businesses from predatory financial practices, and should be supported;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-20 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 819, the California Consumer Financial Protection Law, which would increase protections for consumers and small businesses from predatory financial practices by creating a new Department of Financial Protection and Innovation.

PRESENTED BY: Monica Rodriguez
MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilwoman, 7th District

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SECONDED BY: _____

BOB BLUMENFIELD (verbal)
Councilmember, 3rd District

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MOTION

Medians are an important feature in our neighborhoods. The FY 2020-21 Budget allocates $2 million for median maintenance by StreetsLA. This $2 million is comprised of $1 million from Measure R and $1 million from Measure M. Despite the approval of a contract by the Board of Public Works for FY 2020-21 median maintenance work, there has been a gap in maintenance activity since July 1, 2020. Deferred maintenance of medians can result in cost impacts. For example, uncontrolled overgrowth may require additional equipment or staff to address, and unmet service needs for otherwise minor irrigation adjustments can develop into larger system failures or the loss of landscaping.

Given the current shortfalls in City revenues, however, there is also a need to ensure that median maintenance is environmentally and financially sustainable into the future. Consideration should be given to the Citywide use of California native and drought tolerant vegetation, planting strategies, mulching/composting and watering systems that minimize resources required to maintain them. Well-maintained medians add a sense of community pride to a neighborhood, help create an environment that supports local business, beautify the public right-of-way, and contribute to a reduction of air pollution within Los Angeles. Making sure that medians are both environmentally and financially sustainable is important to the future of our neighborhoods.

Because the transition to more sustainable landscaping may require upfront investments, identifying funding options to support median improvements and maintenance would be beneficial in the long-term, such as partnering with Neighborhood Councils and other neighborhood groups,, or through funding sources such as the Metropolitan Water District, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the State of California.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct StreetsLA and the City Administrative Officer to report on the status of FY 2020-21 median maintenance funding and performed services, as well as the steps that can be taken to avoid negative impacts of deferred maintenance.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct StreetsLA and the City Administrative Officer to report with a long-term plan to minimize resources required to maintain medians and to achieve their environmental and financial sustainability.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst and City Administrative Officer to report on additional funding sources to invest in median improvements, maintenance, and long-term sustainability, , including partnering with Neighborhood Councils and other neighborhood groups, as well as potential funding sources such as the Metropolitan Water District, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and the State of California.

PRESENTED BY: _____
DAVID E. RYU
Councilmember, 4th District

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PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY: _____
BOB BLUMENFIELD (verbal)
Councilmember, 3rd District

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ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

MOTION

The past few weeks residents across the City experienced an extreme heatwave. The Department of Water and Power (DWP) reveled that on August 18th it was a record high for 2020 and the highest electricity demand since July 6th, 2018.

As a result, our office received hundreds of calls and emails from West Hills residents reporting power outages in their neighborhoods. Thousands of customers were affected throughout different neighborhoods and were left without power- some for more than 12 hours.

Residents have reported temperatures upward of 95-degrees inside their homes- a situation that is unhealthy and dangerous exposing vulnerable populations such as the elderly to the additional stress of trying to keep cool without air conditioning especially during the COVID-19 pandemic where residents are encouraged stay at home to slow the spread of the virus.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power (DWP) be requested to immediately report to Council on the causes of the recent outages, the actions taken to address the power outages, and the causes for delay in restoring power.

I FURTHER MOVE that the DWP report to the Council on the plan to help prevent further outages especially at this time during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

PRESENTED BY _____
JOHN S. LEE
Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY _____
BOB BLUMENFIELD (verbal)
Councilmember, 3rd District

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MOTION

Emergency Health Orders in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic have greatly altered industry and commerce in the City of Los Angeles. Businesses that have remained open, have had to adapt their business model in order to remain compliant. Restaurants for example, have been allowed to pivot to new operation methods such as outdoor dining.

Breweries in Los Angeles traditionally offer food options by partnering with local food trucks or street vendors who sell their products on the site of the brewery. Breweries are also typically located in industrial areas where they have expansive outdoor spaces that allow them to practice social distancing of patrons. Given these similarities with restaurants, it is difficult to justify the closure of breweries but allow the continued operation of restaurants with outdoor dining.

The once nascent brewing industry in Los Angeles has been a major driver of economic growth in recent years. The Los Angeles County Brewers Guild alone has 93 members who employ over 700 people and create over $13 million in annual state and local tax revenue. The City of Los Angeles is home to 26 breweries. The brewing industry is a vital component of the local economy and will be an important industry in the recovery effort after the pandemic.

As the City and County of Los Angeles continue to modify the stay at home order and prepare for the eventual reopening of commercial activity, we should look to the California Department of Public Health Guidelines that have prioritized outdoor seating in order to maximize health and safety and apply the guidelines fairly to industries that provide similar services.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the LA County Department of Public Health be REQUESTED to report with recommendations for the outdoor operation of breweries in the City of Los Angeles, in compliance with the Statewide Public Health Officer Order, dated July 13, 2020, relative to preventing the spread of COVID19.

PRESENTED BY: _____
JOE BUSCAINO (verbal)
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY: _____
MITCH O'FARRELL (verbal)
Councilmember, 13th District

RULES, ELECTIONS, AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is an unprecedented demand for food grown in California, making farmworkers "essential" workers in California; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of farmworkers are especially vulnerable to COVID-19 outbreaks as many farmworker families live in close quarters to save money, ride together to the fields, and work in crowded conditions, making social distancing difficult; and

WHEREAS, although farmworkers are deemed "essential" employees, many don't have health insurance or paid sick leave; and

WHEREAS, there are a significant number of undocumented farmworkers who are afraid to speak up about unsafe working conditions because they fear retaliation and deportation; and

WHEREAS, there is inconsistent distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE) and information about safety protocols at different farm locations; and

WHEREAS, the five-bill "California Farmworker COVID-19 Relief Package" proposes to expand paid sick leave for farmworkers, provide supplemental hazard pay, extend a tax credit to farmers who offer overtime work to their workers, fund an outreach campaign to educate workers on personal protection practices, and help expedite temporary housing to mitigate overcrowding and allow for social distancing; and

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) introduced the "California Farmworker COVID-19 Relief Package," which consists of AB 2043: Agricultural Workplace Health & Safety Act, AB 2956: Agriculture Labor Shortage and Overtime Act, AB 2164: Telehealth and e-Consult Services Act, AB 3155: Moderate Income Housing Act, and AB 2165: Access to Justice and Electronic Court Filings Act; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for the five-bill "California Farmworker COVID-19 Relief Package," which will protect farmworkers and avoid disruptions in food supply.

PRESENTED BY: _____
MONICA RODRIGUEZ (verbal)
Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY: _____
PAUL KORETZ (verbal)
Councilmember, 5th District

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

MOTION

At 1:35am on August 23, 2020, a water main rupture was reported in the 10600 block of West Sunset Boulevard, causing Sunset Boulevard to be shut down and adversely affecting UCLA facilities and a nearby residential property. This break followed a more severe break in the same area on July 29, 2014.

City departments responded immediately, including Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) crews which were able to shut down the water main before 8 a.m. The Fire Department responded and found no threat to life or limb. The Bureau of Street Services began work to remove several toppled and compromised trees from the area. City workers worked around the clock to ensure that busy Sunset Blvd. was open for traffic in time for Monday morning commuters.

The water main rupture had a significant impact upon UCLA and the nearby residential area, so it is necessary to have DWP report as soon as possible on the status of the water main break, its causes, and ongoing efforts to avoid future similar problems.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power be requested to report as soon as possible to the Council regarding the latest Sunset Boulevard/UCLA water main break that occurred on August 23rd, 2020, and specifically include:

- Current status of the water main rupture and what caused it to occur;

- Operational history of the water main and whether it had any prior physical integrity issues;

- The DWP's water infrastructure program and whether the ruptured water main was scheduled for repair/upgrades;

- Steps the DWP is taking to minimize water main ruptures/leaks and their impact on the public and property; including new technologies that can help identify water system physical integrity issues prior to ruptures;

- The status of the DWP's long-term water infrastructure program and efforts to replace aging water system components and improve system reliability; including a review/assessment of a more rapid pace of system replacement.

PRESENTED BY: _____

PAUL KORETZ (verbal)
Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY: _____

MITCH O'FARRELL (verbal)
Councilmember, 13th District